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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Valentino MERCATI

Application No. 10/564,700

Filed: January 9, 2006

Confirmation No.

Group Art Unit:

Examiner Unknown

Title: **PROCESS FOR OBTAINING TOBACCO LEAVES WITH A
STANDARDIZED NICOTINE CONTENT AND/OR IMPROVED
COMBUSTIBILITY**

SMALL ENTITY CLAIM AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Mail Stop 16
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27
and requests that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$590.00 be credited to Deposit Account
No. 25-0120 as this claim is filed within the three-month term.

Respectfully submitted,

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